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## A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE ENTITLED. "DIVINE COMPANIONSHIP."

The Rev. Charles E. Benedict Makes a Beautiful Commentary on the Briefest Yet Most Comprehensive Biography Ever Written-Retain God's Love.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Rev. Charles E. Benedict, pastor of St. James' M. E. Church, Eighty-fourth street and Twentieth avenue, Bensonhurst, preached Sunday morning on "Divine Companionship." The texts were from Genesis v:24: "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." and Hebrews xi:5: "Before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Mr. Benedict said:

This is one of the briefest yet most comprehensive biographies ever written. These passages, containing twenty-three words, tell us about all we know concerning this man Bhoch. I ragine the story of your life told in three sentences! He walked with God, he pleased God and he was translated. This is the record of Enoch's life. It reads more like an epitaph than a biography, yet I would rather have those first two statements true of my life than to have the most eloquent tributes or eulogistic praises ever written or spoken by men. To walk with God and to please Himi! Do you know of anything more desirable?

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It is said that a man's walk is indicative of his careey. Manner and gesture are an index to character. It is possible to make an estimate approximately correct of the type of men you meet on the street by noting the poise and bearing of the average pedestrian. One walks with a firm, quick step, head erect, shoulders back, and you feel instinctively that he is an energetic, resolute, self-respecting man, bound to succeed. Another shambles by with shiftless gait, dragging his feet rather than lifting them, and you put him down for a loafer. A third glides along noiselessly, threading his way in and out among the crowd, and you know intuitively that he is a sly, scheming trickster. Another walks with unsteady gait, stepping carefully, as if the pavement were rolling and bumping against his feet, and as with pitying glance you watch him stagger along you say, "The poor fellow is drunk." So a man's gait betrays him. His walk signifies the manner of his life.

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One is likewise known by the company he keeps. We are largely what our friends and companions are. Tell me the sort of persons with whom you associate, in whom you confide, to whom you go with all your troubles and with whom you go with all your every joy, and I will have no difficulty in estimating your character. To retain purity of character if one's associates are base and ignoble is an impossibility. And it would seem equally impossible to live an impure, vicious, wicked life if all our associates are noble and virtuous. We are influenced unconsciously by the words and actions of our friends. Like the chameleon, we take on the lue of our surroundings and reflect the likeness of our companions.

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The human heart under normal conditions craves companionship. From the beginning it was so. God saw that it was not good for man to be alone, so He gave him a companion and helpmeet. We are so constituted that we must have some one with whom to share our happy hours, some good, true friend who enters into our experiences with sympathetic appreciation, whose heart aches in our sorrow and rejoices in our joy.

The strangest truth contained in all God's wonderful volume of truth is that He who created the universes, the Lord God Omnipotent, whose wisdom is omniscience, whose goodness is perfection, whose name is love, that He should condescend to become the companion and associate of man, His creature. I said that this is the strangest truth. Let me take it back. There is one truth more astounding yet. This this—that man should refuse the friendship and disdain the companionship of Jehovah, his God.

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That He should offer Himself for the closest and most intimate relationship, as a companion for life's pilgrimage, a comrade for life's struggles, an associate and confidant amid all life's changing scenes, and yet be rejected!

The trouble is and has ever been when men have rejected God that they love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil. From the opening chapters of human history until now it has been true that man, the creature, has been out of harmony with God, the Creator.

and I had almost said His equal. But something came between them. They had a falling out. As one has expressed it. "Sin came and opened the mighty chasm of separation, and since then the carnal mind has been enmity against God."

The Father's heart has yearned for reconciliation, but how could reconciliation be made? The heart of man was wholly estranged. An impassable gulf yawned between him and his Creator. He had sinned against Divine Majesty and forfeited the Divine favor. But

The love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind."

Therefore, "God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins." determined to bridge the chasm, to heal the breach and win back the affections alienated by sin. He sent Christ into the world as Mediator. And He, who is our peace. "Hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us, haying abolished in His flesh the emity," and reconciled us unto God by His death on the cross.

Acceptance of Jesus Christ is the basis of reconciliation with God. On no other terms can our estrangement be healed. The trouble began when men insisted upon turning every one to his own way. The difficulties are perfectly and satisfactorily adjusted when man is willing to turn back into God's way. And whenever one reaches the point of willingness to accept Jesus Christ, then he begins to walk in newness of life, and walking thus he makes a discovery. He discovers that "Old things are peased! away, and all things are become new?"

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Patrick Daley, of Boston, had the right idea of the new birth. Le wa: a Catholic by profession, but a drunkard by practice. He attended an evangelistic service and for the first time in his life heard the gospel. He made a complete surrender to Christ, and was delivered from the bondage of drink. A few weeks afterward he approached Dr. A. J. Gordon with a problem which had perplexed him greatly. Said he: "You see, your reverence, I know a good thing when I get it, and when I found salvation I couldn't keep it to my-

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Heaven would be a place of painful imprisonment."

The felicities of the heavenly country will be conditioned largely upon our capacity to receive. And our capacity to receive will be determined by our ability to serve. The service of heaven will be a service of love. I think we should stifle in the atmosphere of heaven's love unless we had learned to breathe in its purity and live in its beauty here below. One must learn to keep step with Jehovah here and now if he would enter upon the joys of the divine presence hereafter. Learn to love what God loves, and hate what God hates. Got in step with Him to-day and let Him be your companion for life.

"They Shall See God." A mighty twofold fact runs to and fro through all the earth and under the earth and over it high and far. Many do not see it or hear it and therefore do not feel it, but nevertheless there is no other thought so real, so vital and overwhelming known to science or history or revelation. This mighty fact is the immanence and the providence of Almighty God, in all things, through all things and for all things, through all things and put Himself under universal and ceaseless obligations and responsibilities to His creatures.

To know this is an indescribable privilege, but to ignore it or treat it as a myth is the aeme of idiocy or perversity. To see the divine presence and power in all things that we see, and to discern Him wherever we go and wherever we are, is to discern the revealed secret that "in Him we live and move and have our continued existence."



the gater than this, that He should seek the friendship of mortal man and find it not? That He should offer Himself for the closes and most intimate relationship, as a formal man and in the closes and most intimate relationship, as a formal for life's struggles, an associate and central for life's struggles, an associate and central for the control of the control and in defiance of pedagogical order? It is the intensity of purpose with which the mind acts under the influence of vigorous health and the conscious value of time that accounts for these results. So from the farm is being supplied a stream of active world-movers, who furnish the industrial world with its brawn and muscle.—National Fruit Grower. and in defiance of pedagogical order

The corn-root worm is one of the worst pests with which the farmers of the central west and south have to deal. The beetle lays its eggs in early fall within a few inches of the stalk, from one to five inches deep the soil. The larvae hatch from June to August, and at first eat the small rootlets entire, and then commence burrowing under the outer lay-A Corn Pest.

scope, to have numerous hairs and bristles. Before pupation the color becomes slightly darker and the body shortens, becoming more like a common grub. They then leave the roots, for a small oval cell in the soil, for a small oval cell in the soll, transform to pupae, and in a short time come forth as adult beetles. The beetles are of a greenish yellow color and about one-fourth of an inch in length, resembling in form the common striped squash bug. The adults are found in the fields from the latter part of July until the corn silks become dry, and often later, feeding upon the silk and pollen, thus doing much damage, when compared with that of the worm. The remedy is so simple and effective that it would seem that none ought to suffer from their injuries. As far as is known. their injuries. As far as is known, they have never been injurious to corn after a previous crop of wheat, rye, or barley though the field may have been infected before that, and a crop of corn is reaf. For et least, two crop of corn is safe for at least two years. Thus a simple rotation, which is also recommended on many other grounds, is entirely effectual.—R. B. Edgar, in The Epitomist.

Great Value of Manure. Great Value of Manure.
Prof. Charles A. Thorne, director of
the Ohio experiment station, says we
have for five years conducted an experiment in the use of cow manure
in the production of corn, wheat and
clover growth in rotation. The result of this test is that in the fiveyear average we have produced an
increase of about two bushels of corn,
two-thirds of a bushel of wheat and increase of about two bushels of corn, two-thirds of a bushel of wheat and about 60 pounds of clover hay for each ton of manure when the manure was taken from an ordinary open barn yard, the total increase being worth 1.50, if we value the corn at one-third of a dollar per bushel, clover at one-third of a dollar per 100 pounds; corn stover at \$3 per ton and straw at \$2.

When, however, we leave this manure in the stable to be trampled under foot till ready for use the increase has been worth \$2.50 per ton of manure, and when to this straw manure we have added, as made, about 40

we have added, as made, about 40 pounds of phosphatic rock to each ton of manure, for the purpose not only of preventing the escape of ammonia, but of reinforcing the manure with about the color of the purpose of the manure with a color of the color of the manure with a color of the color of the manure with a color of the color phosphoric acid we have realized a total value of \$3.25 per ton of manure, after paying for the phosphate used, the manure treated in this manner producing an average increase of three bushels of corn, one and three-quarters bushels of wheat, and 125 pounds of hay for each ton of manure. We now have 48 steer calves, weighing 470 pounds each, which have

been fed 40 days on a cemented floor, 7345 pounds of bedding being given during that time. During this period there has accumulated 20 tons of such manure as that used in the experiment above described or at the rate of a ton per animal in 100 days. The feed given these calves, costing 10 cents each per day, at the relatively high prices now prevailing. We are, therefore, recovering about one-third of the cost of the feed in the potential value of the manure.—Mirror and Farmer.

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The Plant-Breeding Movement.
One of the most marked features of the agricultural standpoint was the prominence given to plant-breeding exhibits, and the emphatic addresses of speakers at all the gatherings of farmers and breeders in urging the immediate importance of developing the process that are building an exact science on the foundation of the work of the older experimenters. The members of the American Breeders' association by co-operative effort during the fair, are doing a great and good work in exciting popular interest and spreading knowledge of the recent accomplishments in plant breeding. It is also evidenced that through the exact knowledge that can be gained in plant breeding, the principles of animal breeding, the principles of animal breeding, the principles of animal breeding are bing more perfectly revealed. That definite characteristics can be fixed in plant types as in animal types is no longer questioned; how soon 10 or more percent can be added to the billions of dollars' worth of our annual farm production is the question of the hour. The agricultural colleges and the experiment stations are doing al they can with funds available to hasten the good movement. Let the and the experiment stations are doing, at they can with funds available to hasten the good movement. Let the farmers' institutes and granges, and every rural organization, fall quickly in line and secure and spread all knowledge available, to the end that each member of the community may be a co-worker in improvement of plant and animal life.

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In many state exhibits varieties of grains are shown in profusion that will enable the student to learn where to start in his experimental work and study. In the filinois state exhibit study. In the filinois state exhibit special attention has been given to demonstrate thoroughly the great work being done in that state in combreeding improvement. Corn is shown that has been increased very largely that has been increased very largely in oil percentage, and one manufacturing interests offers five cents per bushel extra for such high-oil corn; another, sample series is shown of low-oil corn, said to be superior when the hog is mainly fattened on corh. High protein corn is found to be easily produced by the careful farmer who will raise the protein constituent of his corn—its nutritive value, perhaps one-fifth. Experiments in wheatbreeding prove that the wheat yields can be increased by improving the home varieties several or many busheds per acre, and at the same time in deal. The beetle lays its eggs in carly fall within a few inches of the soil. The larvae hatch from is the immanence and the soil. The larvae hatch from gist and for all things. Its an indescribable privile it or treat it as a myth diocy or perversity. To resence and power in all see, and to discern thin and have our continued I come to pass that the lall all see

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PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Pardoning another may cure our own pride.

A little sin may be the seed of a large sorrow.

Painting the wagon puts no ginger in the horse. The first to shout for war are the last to enlist.

It is easy when we are in prosperity to give advice to the afflicted. Aeschy-lus.

All men that are ruined are ruined on the side of their natural propensities. Only the actions of the just smell sweet and blossom in the dust.—Shirley.

He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.

To me there is something thrilling and exalting in the thought that we are drifting forward into a splendid mystery, into something that no mor-tal eye has yet seen, no intelligence declared.—E. H. Chapin.

ANIMALS' WANDERING.

Rats the Most Migratory-Lemmings Race With Death.

Race With Death.

The fable of the country mouse and the town mouse has a foundation in fact. Mice occasionally migrate in large numbers when food grows scarce and travel considerable distances to fresh houses. Farmers in a part of ertshire ha da good reason to become aware of this fact when, a couple of years ago, vast swarms of mice invaded their cornfields at harvest time. But the mouse only travels when it has to. The rat, on the contrary,

But the mouse only travels when it has to. The rat, on the contrary, seems to take a yearly outing, in very much the same fashion as do human beings. Rats are the most migratory creatures in the world. Whole troops of rats leave the towns at the end of summer and spend a month or two in the country, apparently in order to enjoy the change of food which the country affords at that time of the year in the way of fresh fruit and grain. Before the cold weather sets in they are all back in their old quarters.

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Reindeer migrate with the same re

Reindeer migrate with the same regularity as swallows. They move south when winter sets in, but as soon as ever the snow begins to melt they travel steadily north, sometimes for as much as a thousand miles.

At irregular intervals these rat-like creatures start out from their homes in the fastenesses of northern Scandinavia in huge droves, numbering tens of thousands, and travel steadily southward. Death pursues them in a hundred forms. Hawks and other birds of prey hover about them. Foxes, wolves and man decimate them. Thousands are drowned in rivers. Foxes, wolves and man decimate them. Thousands are drowned in rivers. Yet the rest struggle on until they reach the sea. They do not stop. They plung in, swim out and struggle on, until at last their strength fails and they drown. Not one ever returns form this journey of death.—London Answers.

mourners.

"After the service was over, and I was sneaking out at the back door, feeling like a sheep-stealing dog, a good old brother slipped out of the crowd, and laying his hand on my shoulder, said in a tone of gentle re-

buke.
"'My young friend, if you'd aa-come in like you went out, you'd a-went out like you come in."—Sunday Magazine.

Nothing Unusual About That.
"What's the meaning of this word
'trite'?" asked Archie.
"I can'tell you better by illustrating

"t can tell you better by litustrating it," said Reggie. "Suppose you hear a conversation of this kind:
"'How do you do, Miss Flyppe?
Beastly weather for the time of year, isn't it?"

Influence of Sainte-Beuve.

Sainte-Beuve is the foremost literary critic of the nineteenth century in the influence he has exerted upon his fellows. In a very real sense Matthew Arnold in England and Taine in France are his disciples—or at least he is their literary ancestor. They derive from him, and the doctrines they have made explicit are often implicit in him. The part of Taine's critical theory which has withstood the test of time is that which Taine acquired from Sainte-Beuve; and not a few of the points which Arnold pressed insistently on the attention of all who read English he took over from his French precedessor. There are no real critics of literature of our time, from Mr. James in America to M. Brunetiere in France, who have not come under his spell at some period of their own development, and who have not shatpened their own vision by a more or less deliberate application of the methods of Sainte-Beuve.—Century. have made explicit are often implicit

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervous-ness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great NerveRestore, \$2 trial bottleand treatise free Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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A Guaranteed Cure For Piles.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding
Piles. Druggists will refund money if Pazo
Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. Soc.

A Formosa man must have a license before he is allowed to smoke opium.

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Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up colds in 24hours, cure Feverishness, Constitution, Stomaon Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms, At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed Free, Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N.Y.

Vienna has the largest public bath in Europe.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, soften the gums, reduces inflamma-tion, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c.a bottle The first United States mint was established in 1792.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumptionhas anequal for coughs and colds.—John F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900. South Africa exports \$26,000,000 worth of diamonds to London annually.

A Good Move. The United States department of agricultural which has been rather active of late in its experiments with articles of food, willtake up the question of good coffee this winter and learn from experts the best methods of growing the berry and preparing it for the table. It is said some of the processes that produce Turkish cof-fee are secret, but there are various methods in vogue in other countries which will be disclosed to the pub-

80 Bu. Macaroni Wheat Per Acre, 000000 introduced by the U. S. Dept. of Agr. It is a tremendous cropper, yielding in good land in Wis., Ill., Ia., Mich., Ind., O., Pa., N. Y., 80 bu. per acre, and on dry. arid lands, such as are found in Mont. Idaho, the Dakotas, Colo., etc., it will yield from 40 to 60 bu. This Wheat and Speltz and Hanna Barley and Bromus Inermis and Billion Dollar Grass, makes it possible to grow and fatten hogs, sheep and cattle wherever soil is found.

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Thrones of Europe.

There are 15 thrones in Europe, and eight now promise to pass from father to son. The latter are those of Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, of Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, Portugal, Norway and Sweden, Bulgaria, Russia and Italy. The Sultan may be succeeded by a brother and the King of Spain by a sister. The Emperor of Austria, the King of the Belgians and the King of Roumania look to nephews, while the ruler of Holland has no visible successor at present. present.

## DISFIGURING ULCER

People Looked at Her in Amazement Pronounced Incurable—Face Now Clear as Ever—Thanks God For Cuticura.

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Mrs. P. Hackett, of 400 Van Buren St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I wish to give
thanks for the marvelous cure of my mother by Cutieura. She had a severe ulcer,
which physicians had pronounced incurable. It was a terrible distigurement, and
people would stand in amazement and look
after her. After there was no hope from
doctors she began using Cutieura Soap,
Ointment and Pills, and now, thank God,
she is completely cured, and her face is as
smooth and clear as ever."

His Simple Secret.

A complaint was made that people had been travelling on the railroads without a ticket, and the companies had a detective employed to discover the offenders. The detective travelled up and down for some days

elled up and down for some days without discovering the culprit. At last two men got into his car who began talking in a whisper, and one gave the other a coin, and they alighted at the next station; so the detective, thinking he had got his clue, followed the man who had given the coin, and said he understood they had been talking about travelling without a ticket, and as he (the detective) was a very poor man, he should be glad to know how they managed.

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The other eyed him suspiciously, and then said, "if you make it worth my while, I think I can tell you."

The detective then offered him fifty cents, but that he refused. "Seventy-five cents?" "No." "Will you take a dollar?" That offer was accepted, and the money paid. Then the man said, "Do you really want to know what I do when I wish to travel without a ticket? Well, then, I'll tell you. I walk."